

Revenue From Maritime Cess

2523. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount Government would get from Maritime Cess, imposed on the Cargo handled in the country;
- (b) the plan for utilization of Maritime cess collected by Government;
- (c) whether Government would provide funds for dredging at minor ports;
- (d) the plan of Government for sharing cess with coastal State Governments; and
- (e) if the plan is to develop major ports then the reason for the cess being levied from minor ports?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALLU): (a) and (b) No maritime cess has been imposed. Hence, questions do not arise.

(c) Minor Ports (Non Major Ports) are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments in whom the responsibility for their development including dredging vests.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of reply to (a) and (b) above

Overloaded Vehicles

2524. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether NHAI has selected 12 locations to book overload vehicles;
- (b) the details of the proposed 12 locations;
- (c) the cost of this "Weigh-in-Motion" technology for each of these locations;
- (d) the reasons for going in for expensive technology by NHAI; and
- (e) the steps proposed to use conventional means?